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Honorable James Saxton
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
100 High Street, Suite 301
Mt. Holly, N.J. 08060

Dear Representative Saxton:

This is in response to your letter of July 29, 1994, written on behalf of Rudolph C. Camishion, M.D., concerning stone which remains on his property in Delran, New Jersey. Dr. Camishion's property is identified by EPA as Walton's Farm, Site #5N.

Inasmuch as Jeanne M. Fox, the Regional Administrator for Region 2, is recused from matters relating to New Jersey State governmental activities until March 30, 1995, I am responding to your inquiry.

In October 1986, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) conducted sampling at the Site which identified high concentrations of DDT. In January 1990, NJDEP referred the Walton's Farm Site (Site) to EPA for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Removal Action consideration. EPA's evaluation of the Site determined that the Site met the criteria for a CERCLA Removal Action due to the presence of high levels of hazardous substances at or near the surface. In October 1991, EPA's enforcement efforts culminated in the responsible party (PPG Industries, Inc.) signing an Administrative Consent Order. Pursuant to the Order, PPG conducted the required removal activities at the Site between November 1991 and May 1993. Upon completion of these activities, it was discovered that the stone utilized in construction of the access road was contaminated with low concentrations of DDT.

The stone will have to be handled as a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste unless an exemption is granted from the RCRA waste designation. Removal of the stone as a RCRA waste is a costly proposition which was not anticipated by PPG. Presently, EPA is awaiting PPG's submission of a petition to the Regional Administrator, requesting an exemption from the RCRA waste designation. The attached letter provides the most recent correspondence regarding this issue and will hopefully answer any other questions you may have.

Walton Farm Site, NJ	: cib :	: DATE:08/12/94	CONCURRENCES	DISK:cong#2	: FILENAME:0014
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If you have any further questions or need additional information, please let me know or have your staff contact Jeanne Rosianski, Chief, Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations Branch at (212) 264-7834.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Muszynski

William J. Muszynski, P.E.
Deputy Regional Administrator

Attachment

cc: Robert C. Shinn, Commissioner
New Jersey State Department
of Environmental Protection

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RE: Rudolph C. Camishion, M.D.
Creek Road
Delran, New Jersey 08075

Dear Ms. Fox:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence I received from the above-referenced constituent. As you will note, Dr. Camishion has been very patient during the lengthy cleanup of the toxic waste that was found on his property. At this time, he would like to know when he might expect the project to be completed, as he is hoping to sell the property.

I would appreciate your checking into this matter and providing me with any information which will help me respond to my constituent. Your response should be directed to my Staff Assistant, Kim Cummings.

I know that this matter will be carefully and objectively reviewed. Thank you for any assistance you may be able to render.

Sincerely,


Jim Saxton

Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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July 20, 1994

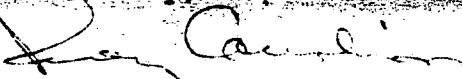
Congressman Jim Saxton
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Mt. Holly, NJ 08060
Attn: Ms. Sandy Condit

Dear Congressman Saxton:

In 1985 I purchased a 40 acre farm on Creek Road in Delran, New Jersey and planned to build a home there. Shortly thereafter, the DEP discovered that a collection of toxic waste, mainly DDT, had been deposited on the farm. The generator was traced and found to be Pittsburg Plate and Glass. The matter was turned over to EPA and finally PPG removed all of the hazardous waste at great expense. All that remains now is the stone road built from Creek Road back to the former waste site. The stones have been recently tested and found to have very low levels of DDT, far below the acceptable levels required by EPA. However, there is a legal matter which I don't fully understand which requires special permission to remove these stones. I have been assured by both the EPA and PPG that this is just a technicality. But legal permission is required from EPA to allow Pittsburg Plate and Glass to remove the stones. Nearly a year has passed and the whole matter still rests with the EPA Headquarters in Region 2 in New York City. The only identification I can make of this site is that it is called "The Walton's Farm Site" and a letter indicating "Index #2 cercla 20101". The letter was signed by Patricia C. Hick, Assistant Regional Counsel.

This problem has been going on for nearly ten years. Five months ago my wife died and I no longer wish to build there, but hope to sell the farm. I cannot do this until the cleanup is completed. I ask for your help in getting this problem resolved. This whole situation has been very costly for me and I believe quite unfair. I could have had ten good years with my wife in a new home.

Sincerely,



Rudolph C. Camishion, M.D.

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cc: Harold Colburn, M.D.